

**TCYSA LEAGUE HANDBOOK  
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## **LEAGUE PLAYING RULES**

The basic rules of play for TCYSA are covered under FIFA, USSF, US Youth Soccer and OSYSA rules of play. The following cover the specifics of play for the Tri-County Youth Soccer Association.

### **SECTION I - LEAGUE OPERATIONAL RULES**

#### **A. Registration**

1. A team may play in its own age division or, as provided for herein, in an older division provided there is no conflict with US Soccer and Ohio South Youth Soccer Association rules.
2. A team's roster is limited to a maximum of 18 players.
3. U-19 teams (U-19, U-18, U-17) are may include four (4) additional players on a League Guest Player Roster. One or more of these players may participate (on a one for one basis) in any game that one or more of the official rostered players do not attend. Officially rostered players have priority over league guest players. League guest players cannot participate in any game that all official rostered players are present. U-09 through U16 teams are allowed four players on an Unofficial League Guest Player roster. See page 12 for additional information.
4. Players listed on either guest player roster cannot participate in Ohio South Youth Soccer Association State Cup competition.
5. No more than 18 players may dress for and/or play in any one game.
6. Players may be added to a team's roster anytime during the season but prior to June 1 for the Spring Season and November 1 for the Fall season. U-15 and above teams are exempted from this cutoff. However, OSYSA does not permit any league to transfer players between October 15 and December 31, and after May 15 in the spring season.
7. No more than one-half the players on a team's roster, to a maximum seven (7), may be U-08 aged players.

#### **B. Club/team ranking positions**

1. A club controls the ranking positions of its teams and can, subject to other rules of TCYSA , place any team it chooses in such ranking positions, regardless of whether a team is from its club or another. The results of the team playing in each ranking position determine a club's ranking position for the next playing season.
2. Though a club controls each of its ranking positions, and can assign to it any team it chooses, no team can play in a division that is more than one competitive level higher than the one in which it played the previous season, unless it can be documented to the League Director that such team is capable of playing in such higher competitive division. In order to monitor this, not only can there be a review of the team's number assigned to a ranking position, but its roster may also be reviewed to determine the number of players new to it, and the team to which they were rostered the previous season. The intention of this playing rule is to prevent a less competitive team from playing in a more competitive division. For example, it is highly unlikely for a C-1 division team to be able to compete in the A Division, and the presumption is such a movement would not be permitted
3. If a club does not enter a team in a ranking position it controls, the club that has the next highest ranking position will be given the first opportunity to put one of its teams in that ranking position. If that club does not use the ranking position, the ranking position will be offered to the club with the next highest ranking position, and so on, until a team is placed.
4. If more than 50% of a team's roster includes players who reside outside the area served by TCYSA, it will not be assigned to the A division, even if its club holds an A Division ranking position. Should this occur, a club with the A division ranking, will be assigned the seventh ranking position for that season, and the club with the seventh ranking position assigned the vacated A division ranking position. If, as a result of other changes to the A division, the seventh ranking position has the opportunity to move to the A division, such move will be denied and will go, instead, to the next highest ranking team. If a club that stands to lose its A division ranking position believes its team can compete at the A division level, it may appeal the loss of its ranking position to the League Director. However, the clear intention of

this playing rule is to deny to teams from outside the area served by TCYSA access to the A division in its first season of play, except in those rare instances when it is just obvious the team can compete at that level (NOTE: being a state champion does not make it obvious a team can compete in the A Division of TCYSA). If a club has any one of the above-described teams playing in the U-11 through U-13 age groups, the ranking of such team(s) will not be used in the determination of the ranking of its team(s) competing in the U-11 age group for the first time.

**C. Substitutions**

Unlimited substitutions are permitted (unless otherwise stated) at the following times with consent of Referee.

1. Prior to a throw-in your favor.
2. Prior to a goal kick by either team.
3. After a goal, by either team.
4. After an injury, by either team, when the referee stops play.
5. At half time.
6. For a cautioned player.

**D. Game Length--Ball Size--Team Ref Fee--Referee/Assistant Referee Split Fall League 2002 and Spring, 2003**

(Seasonal year September 1, 2002 - August 31, 2003)

**Each team should bring the exact amount of cash to pay the referee and each ass't referee the amount each is due.**

**Once a game has commenced, game officials may retain their fees even if the game is not played to completion. When a game is terminated under conditions allowing for it to be rescheduled, each team will pay its share of referee fees for the rescheduled game.**

Age Group	Included Birth dates	Length of Half	Ball Size	Team Fee	Ref Fee	Asst Ref Fee
U-19	8/1/83 through 7/31/84	40 min	5	\$31	\$26	\$18 ea.
U-18	8/1/84 through 7/31/85	40 min	5	\$31	\$26	\$18 ea.
U-17	8/1/85 through 7/31/86	40 min	5	\$31	\$26	\$18 ea.
U-16	8/1/86 through 7/31/87	40 min	5	\$29	\$24	\$17 ea.
U-15	8/1/87 through 7/31/88	40 min	5	\$29	\$24	\$17 ea.
U-14	8/1/88 through 7/31/89	35 min	5	\$27	\$22	\$16 ea.
U-13	8/1/89 through 7/31/90	35 min	5	\$27	\$22	\$16 ea.
U-12	8/1/90 through 7/31/91	30 min	4	\$25	\$20	\$15 ea.
U-11	8/1/91 through 7/31/92	30 min	4	\$25	\$20	\$15 ea.
(8V8)*	U-10 8/1/92 through 7/31/93	25 min	4	\$23	\$18	\$14 ea.
(8V8)*	U-09 8/1/93 through 9/30/94	25 min	4	\$23	\$18	\$14 ea.

NOTE: PLAYERS WITH BIRTH DATES AFTER THE YOUNGEST AGE LISTED WILL NOT BE ROSTERED.

**E. Scheduling**

1. All games must be played on the date scheduled (except as noted below), however, the coaches of both teams may change the date of the game if this change to a new date is before the original scheduled date. If this game is not played on or before the original schedule date, the game will be forfeited to the team that shows up at the scheduled field at the proper time (or double forfeit). For any change in games the referee coordinator responsible for that game must be informed by the home team or the home team is responsible for the referee fees for the scheduled game.
2. Games may be rescheduled to be played up to three playing weeks after the scheduled date only if required due to:
  - a. Rain out, in which case the teams involved are mutually responsible for rescheduling. The home team must notify the Division Supervisor of the rain out on the day it occurs or the home team will be charged with a forfeit. If the teams involved fail to notify the Division Supervisor of the rescheduled time

and location within seven days of the rain out, the Division Supervisor shall, without regard to the preferences from either team, establish a time and location for the game (a neutral field may be used) and it shall be played within the following fourteen days. If the coach of one of the teams is the Division Supervisor, then the Boy's or Girl's Coordinator or League Director (whoever does not represent one of the teams or clubs involved) shall set the date, time, and location.

- b. Team competition (not Olympic Development Team) sponsored by Ohio Youth Soccer Association, Inc: Should a team be eliminated from OSYSA competition prior to the day a game is scheduled, the league game must be played. Rules regarding league notification and rescheduling for item "a" above shall apply.
  - c. Sanctioned tournament games that conflict with league games during the first two weeks of the season: Rules regarding league notification and rescheduling for item "a" above shall apply. League games conflicting with tournament games after the first two playing weeks of the season must be played prior to the scheduled date. It shall be the responsibility of the tournament team to notify the Division Supervisor of the rescheduled date. If a rescheduled date cannot be agreed upon, the tournament team shall so notify the Division Supervisor at least two weeks prior to the tournament conflict and the Division Supervisor shall act as stated in item "a" above.
3. If a team is unable to play a game, for any reason, that team must notify its opponent by 8:00 PM on the day that is no less than five (5) days prior to the scheduled game date; for example, if a game was schedule for Sunday, notice must be given by 8:00 PM on the preceding Tuesday. If notice is given within less than five days due to unforeseen causes, the game must be played, or it shall be forfeited by the team not playing. If forfeited, the forfeiting team, in addition to the forfeit fee provided for in Section 2.D. of the Club Registration and Team Entry Rules, shall pay the entire cost of referees for the game. If necessary, TCYSA will pay the referees and be reimbursed by the forfeiting team's club when it invoices forfeit fees at the end of the applicable playing season. If the game is not played, the home team is responsible for providing notice to its club field scheduler, referee coordinator, and anyone else within the club who is to be advised when a scheduled game is not to be played.

## **SECTION II - GAME RULES**

### **A. Official Game**

1. A game shall be considered official after one full half of play (the second half does not have to start). If less than one-half is completed and the game is terminated for reasons related to inclement weather, playing conditions, or some other reason that is not the result of the issuance of red cards, player, coach or spectator dissent, misconduct or control, etc., the whole game must be replayed.
2. If a game is called because of gross misconduct, the League Review Committee will decide the disposition of the game score. A referee report will be required.
3. Teams will wait 10 minutes for their opponent to arrive. Failure to appear will result in a forfeit.

### **B. Playing Rules**

1. Each team must bring its US Youth Soccer player passes, a copy of their TCYSA Team Roster, League Guest Player Roster, and Unofficial League Guest Player Roster to every game.
2. Player and coach passes (US Youth Soccer) shall be presented to the referee prior to the start of the game. These passes shall remain in the referee's possession until the end of the game. If a team does not have its player or coach passes, each player shall, on a sheet of paper, write their name, address, birth date and telephone number, and coaches shall do the same, except they do not have to provide a birth date. Such team's opponent may retain such sheet and ask the Registrar to verify the players and coaches were properly rostered at the time of the game. Neither a player nor a coach may participate in a game unless each presents a player or coach pass or is shown to be included on the team's roster.
3. Only players and coaches who are registered and rostered may participate in a game or other team activity. A player and coach is rostered only when the roster

or roster change form has been completed and signed-off by the Registrar or Assistant Registrar. Mere delivery to a registrar is not constitute the rostering of the player or coach; the registrar must actually have signed-off.

4. A coach who plays a non-rostered player may be suspended from all league activities for up to ten (10) games, and the team may forfeit each game in which such player played.
5. Team Rosters and League and Unofficial Guest Player Rosters (if applicable) must be made available to the referee upon request. Coaches should bring these forms to each game.
6. When there is a conflict in uniform color, the home team must change. The referee's judgement is final.
7. Goalies may not be fair charged while holding the ball. The penalty for violation of this rule may be a yellow or red card. Any goal scored by the goalie being knocked into the goal will be disallowed.
8. Referee may suspend games for lack of crowd control, poor team behavior or other unsportsmanlike circumstances. (Note - each coach is responsible for the behavior of his sideline players, parents and fans and can be yellow or red carded for their misbehavior). The suspension shall be reported to the League Conduct Committee, which shall ascertain the facts and make recommendations. The circumstances shall then be considered by the Executive Committee to determine if disciplinary action should be taken. Disciplinary action may include (a)reprimand; (b) forfeiture; (c) recommendation to the Board of Directors of a more severe penalty.
9. The League Director, or such other person that shall be appointed by the President, as Chairman of the League Conduct Committee, may suspend the appropriate parties immediately pending a hearing of the League Conduct Committee on the matter. It is intended for the League Conduct Committee will act within two weeks of receipt of the written complaint. Failure to comply with the decision of the League Conduct Committee will be referred to the Executive Committee.
10. The winning coach shall telephone game scores to the Division Coordinator by the designated time on Sunday night following the game. In the event of a tie, the home team coach shall report the score. Failure to phone in score on time will result in both teams being given a loss. In the case of a tie, only the home team will be given a loss.
11. In the event a team forfeits a game, their opponent will be awarded a one-zero (1-0) win.
12. Boys are not permitted to be rostered on a girls team. Girls are not permitted to be rostered on a boys team.
13. Each team player is required to have a uniform consistent with the Laws of the Game (USSF & FIFA) and in addition, the team will have identical uniforms for each player with matching jerseys, shorts, and socks with no variations. For inclement weather, warm-up pants may be worn. USSF AND TCYSA require all players to have proper uniforms and appearance during a match, therefore, each player must have their jersey tucked in and socks pulled up over their shinguards. Referees will be instructed to check players for proper equipment and appearance. Players not abiding by this ruling will not be allowed to participate in the match.
14. Only carded coaches are allowed on the side of the field with their teams. All other persons must be on the spectator side of the field.

**NOTE: IT IS MANDATORY THAT EACH PLAYER WEAR SHINGUARDS DURING A MATCH.**

#### **C. Game Officials**

1. Games shall be officiated by the three man FIFA/US Soccer/US Youth Soccer Referee System.
2. Each club will only assign USSF licensed referees and assistant referees to all TCYSA games. The assigned referee should be at least two years older than the age of the teams playing. Under no circumstance shall the assigned referee be of the same age or younger than the age of the teams. It is recommended that Assistant Referees be at least the same age as the teams. In the event a club

cannot provide licensed referees to officiate all its games, the Executive Committee shall limit the number of teams the club can enter into TCYSA.

3. Both teams before the start of the game shall pay referee fees for all games. The referee fees are established in the League Rules.
4. If the referee assigned by the home team fails to appear within 10 minutes after the scheduled start of the game, a referee who is currently registered/certified by US Soccer may be appointed by written mutual agreement of both teams and the written agreement will be presented to the appointed referee prior to the start of the game. After the game, the appointed referee will turn over the agreement to the winning coach who will forward it to the TCYSA Referee Coordinator. If the teams do not agree on the appointment of a referee, the game shall be rescheduled on the visiting team's home field, using the rain out rule in Section I, D.
5. In the event that one or both assigned assistant referees are not available, each team, subject to the referee's approval, will appoint club a linesman and the game will proceed using one referee and club linesmen. In no event is the two man referee system to be used. Each team shall receive a loss by forfeit if a game is played using the two-man referee system. A referee cannot refuse the use of club linesmen.
6. Referees and club linesmen appointed under the provisions hereof shall be entitled to the fee specified so long as they are registered/certified by US Soccer.
7. Each coach with a complaint concerning refereeing is to bring this complaint to the attention of his/her club's TCYSA Representative or his/her club's Referee Coordinator. The club's Representative or Coordinator is to discuss this complaint with the home team's Referee Coordinator. If the complaint is not resolved, the coach is to file a written report with the home team's Referee Coordinator and the League Referee Coordinator.
8. The League Referee Coordinator is to keep a file of all written reports on referees and determine and record the necessary action with respect to all complaints.

**D. Inclement Weather/Official Game**

1. Each club's home team is responsible for notifying their opponents as soon as possible if their fields are closed due to inclement weather.
2. A period of 20 minutes should be allowed at the start of or during a rain delay before the referee orders cancellation.
3. If a game is called in the second half for inclement weather, the final score will be the score at the time the game is called.
4. The home team shall report the cancellation to the Division Coordinator just as described for scores under Section II, B, 9.

**E. Ejections**

1. Any player or coach ejected from a game will receive at least a one game suspension.
2. Any player or coach guilty of violent conduct or fighting with another player or coach on or off the field will be given at least a two game suspension.
3. Any player, coach or other participant, or spectator guilty of striking a referee will be subject to a 12 month suspension, and will be subject to possible penalties imposed by Ohio South and/or USYSA.
4. The penalty for abusive language toward a referee by a player, coach, or other participant or spectator will be an automatic one game suspension.
5. The referee shall retain the card of any ejected player or coach and forward the card with an explanation to the League Referee Coordinator within 48 hours of the end of the game. The League Referee Coordinator shall inform the League Director of all red cards.
6. The League Referee Coordinator shall review all ejections of players, coaches, or other participants or spectators. If it is believed that a more severe penalty is warranted, the League Referee Coordinator shall refer the matter to a hearing by the League Conduct Committee, whose decision will be final.

**SECTION III - FINAL STANDINGS**

**A. Season Standings**

The final standings will be determined by the following point system.

1. Two (2) points awarded for each win.

2. One (1) point awarded for each tie.
3. No points awarded for a loss.

**B. Tie-Breaker System**

1. First place - A play-off game will be scheduled by the Boys or Girls Coordinator, as is appropriate, to be played no later than the Saturday following the conclusion of the league season, utilizing neutral referees. If the game cannot be played due to weather conditions, the game will be rescheduled for the following day (Sunday), unless the two coaches can agree on an alternative time. TCYSA will pay the referee fees. If the play-off game ends in a tie, two overtime periods will be played as outlined in the USSF/US Youth Soccer rules. If the overtime ends in a tie, penalty kicks will determine the winner as outlined in USSF/US Youth Soccer rules. If three or more teams tie for first place, opponents for the first matches played shall be determined by drawing lots.
2. Other - When awards/rankings other than first place need to be determined, the following tie-breaker system applies:
  - a. Results of game(s) played between the two tied teams. (If more than 2 teams are tied proceed to paragraph B.2.b.)
  - b. Team with most wins.
  - c. Highest total aggregate net score, calculated by adding the net difference from each game; e.g. GF minus GA = Net Score. A maximum of four (4) plus or minus goals will be counted for any one game.
  - d. Least number of goals allowed
  - e. Coin flip.

If more than two teams tie, this process shall be used to eliminate one team. The remaining teams, then, start over to eliminate the next team, and continues in this manner until a winner is determined.

**SECTION IV - PROTESTS**

1. A coach who intends to file a protest shall notify the referee of this intention. The notification shall be made in a courteous manner, on the field at (or by) the conclusion of the game, and must clearly state that the game will be protested. Some reference by the coach to taking further action, or making some such other general comment is not sufficient to qualify as notice of protest. The referee shall notify the opposing coach.
2. Only questions relating to the qualifications of competitors or the application of the rules shall be referred to the Association Protest Committee. Decisions of the Committee on all matters of protest shall be final.
3. All protests must be documented in writing and postmarked or received by the Protest Committee Chairman no more than 48 hours following the game in question.
4. Each protest when filed with the Protest Chairman must include:
  - a. Protest fee of \$50.00 (cash or check payable to TCYSA).
  - b. Two (2) copies of the protest giving full particulars of the grounds on which the protest is lodged.
4. The protest fee will be returned if the protest is upheld by the Committee.
5. A protest may not be withdrawn once it is filed.

**CLUB REGISTRATION AND TEAM ENTRY RULES**

The rules prescribe the procedures for club registration and for entry of teams into TCYSA leagues.

**SECTION I: - CLUB REGISTRATION**

Immediately following the election of new club officers, the club secretary shall complete the TCYSA "Club Registration Form" listing the principal officers and the club's Representative(s) on the TCYSA Board of Directors. This report must be completed annually. It may be filed at any time during the year, but must be received by the TCYSA Secretary no later than two days prior to the TCYSA annual meeting.

**SECTION II: - LEAGUE REGISTRATION**

**A. Dates and Fees**

Prior to each season, the TCYSA shall establish the team entry fee for that season and the final date for entering teams.

**B. Team Entry Procedure**

1. Each club determines which of its teams will participate in league competition.
2. The club will then complete:
  - a) The "Club Registration Form". This must include all required information. A representative of the Club must sign the Club Registration Form.
  - b) The "Field Directions" sheet. This sheet shall list the name, size and location of the club's fields. There must be enough fields of adequate size to permit half of the clubs teams to play at home each Sunday. (Failure to provide adequate fields will cause rejection of teams).
  - c) The "League Support" sheet. This sheet shall list the names of the club's Field Coordinator, the club member who will serve on the committee to operate the league and the name and address of the club's Referee Assignor. In the spring, the club member assigned to the Buckeye Tournament Committee will also be listed.
  - d) For each team, a TCYSA "Preliminary Team Registration" form. All information requested on the form must be provided
3. The club shall attach all the above forms together with a single check covering all of the entry fees. These shall then be sent to the TCYSA Treasurer, to arrive no later than the established deadline for team registration.
4. Early entry of teams is encouraged to facilitate league planning.
5. At the discretion of the League Director, late applications may be accepted for the purpose of completing a team bracket.

**C. Scheduling**

1. Each club must, as a minimum, provide sufficient fields and playing times to schedule one-half of their teams at home each week.
2. No more than eight (8) teams may be assigned to any one field as a home field. The League Director may provide an exemption for fields that are composed entirely of teams from the youngest age groups.

**D. Refunds and Penalties**

1. As indicated in II.B.3 above, the club shall pay an entry fee for each team entered into league play. At the same time, the club shall establish a "Surety Bond" of \$50.00 for the club. In the event of penalties against club teams, the club must re-establish the bond to maintain it at \$50.00. At the end of the season, the TCYSA Treasurer shall normally carry the club's bond over to the next season. Upon request, at the end of the season, any unforfeited residue in a bond shall be returned to the club.
2. Team Withdrawals If a team is entered in good faith and it is later found that a viable team cannot be formed:
  - a) If the League Director and Treasurer are notified prior to the final date for team registration, the entry fee will be refunded.
  - b) If the League Director is notified less than three weeks before the first scheduled matches of the season, the club may be assessed a \$200 penalty.
3. Penalties
  - a) Team Withdrawal If the League Director is not notified of a team's cancellation until after the Thursday before league play begins, the team entry fee will be forfeited and up to a \$200.00 penalty will be assessed against the club.
  - b) Forfeits The following penalties will be assessed to each club for games its teams forfeit:

- 1st game	\$ 30.00
- 2nd game, same team	50.00
- 3rd game, same team	150.00
- each subsequent game	150.00
  - c) Any club with forfeit fees that remain unpaid will not have any of its team registrations processed for the following season. The Executive Committee (i.e. the Treasurer) will be responsible for club notification of forfeit fees due.
  - d) Referee Fees. The above penalties apply, whether notification of forfeiture is given or not. If notification is received too late to inform the referees, the forfeiting coach is also liable for all referee fees. If necessary, the League

Director is authorized to use the club's surety bond money to reimburse referees.

### **TEAM AND PLAYER REGISTRATION**

US Youth Soccer/OSYSA establishes the basic requirements for registration of players. The following are the specifics of registration for Tri-County Youth Soccer Association. All procedures outlined are to be followed by TCYSA Assistant Registrars. They have been instructed to refuse to complete registration if all requirements are not properly completed.

### **AMOUNT OF TIME TO PROCESS TEAM REGISTRATIONS:**

1. For the TCYSA fall league, a team will be rostered before the League registration day only if it is participating in a tournament occurring prior to the registration day, and the number of players added to the team for the upcoming season exceeds The number of guest players allowed by the tournament. If a tournament is played the day of registration, the team should roster using a proof of birth other than the previous season's player pass, and use the player passes at the tournament. For the TCYSA spring league, a team will be rostered before the League registration day only if it is participating in a tournament occurring prior to the registration day.
2. If a team, as allowed above, rosters prior to a League registration day, or if its roster is rejected on a League registration day and then re-submitted, allow three weeks after receipt by the designated registrar for it to be processed.
3. A TCYSA member club sponsoring a tournament prior to a league registration day, might have to provide personnel to register TCYSA teams playing in such tournament.
4. Regardless of when a team is rostered, it must always submit three copies of the roster; the two-part roster form available from TCYSA through each team's club constitutes two copies.

### **SECTION I: PLAYER AND TEAM REGISTRATION**

#### **A. General**

1. The first team for which a player signs a USYSA Membership Form and USYSA Player Pass is bound to that team for the entire seasonal year (September 1 thru August 31), unless he/she requests and obtains a transfer to a different team. A player may not be removed from a team's roster except for the reasons allowed by Ohio South Youth Soccer Association. A player may voluntarily elect to quit a team; however, if such player wants to play soccer during the same seasonal year, he/she must return to the team they quit (if there is space on the roster), or transfer to another team.
2. A transfer is the right of the player according to USYSA rules. If the coach of the team from whom the player is transferring refuses to sign the transfer form, delays in signing it, or refuses to give the player his/her player pass for use in the transfer process, the coach may be subject to sanctions by Ohio South. Note, however, that while the coach cannot delay or refuse to sign the transfer form, he/she does not have to approve the transfer. If the coach disapproves the transfer, Ohio South will wait two weeks before approving the it.
3. A team may not add to its roster more than three players who were previously rostered with another team during the current seasonal year. However, see Section II, D which discusses the Unofficial League Guest Player Roster. The movement of a player to a team's primary roster from any league guest player is a transfer.
4. Each team and player must be registered with TCYSA. Each player must have a US Youth Soccer player pass and be listed on the team roster. Players may not be rostered/play on more than one team during the TCYSA Season (Exception-Ohio South Youth Soccer Association, Inc. ODP teams).
5. US Youth Soccer registration forms, player passes and team roster must be prepared and validated prior to the start of the season at the time and place assigned by the Registrar.
6. Teams and players are not allowed to compete in any games unless all registration requirements are met. If a Registrar has not completed processing

a roster or a roster change, the team/player is not eligible to play in a game; it is not sufficient for the documentation to have been given to the Registrar, it must actually have been completed.

7. Complete registration consists of properly completed USYSA Membership Form for each player and coach, player and coach passes, three copies of the official team roster, league guest player roster, if applicable, proof of birth, and inter-team transfer form, if applicable. A team, player or coach will not be registered without all items being properly completed and available at the time of registration. The Registrar is authorized to impose a fine of up to \$200 upon any team whose roster is rejected on a league registration day for failure to comply with TCYSA rules and instructions concerning team and player registration. It is not intended for the imposition of a fine to occur when, for example, the cause for rejection appears to be a mere oversight, as contrasted to a consistent failure to properly follow rules or instructions.
8. Any team that is accepted for and intends to play in a spring or fall league, but fails to register on or before the applicable league registration day will be subject to a late filing penalty of \$500. Such penalty will not be imposed if a team is accepted for play after the league registration day.
9. Players will not be rostered with TCYSA unless they are included on the official team roster; the official team roster includes roster change forms. The official team roster, including roster change and all other forms, must be signed by a duly authorized member of the team, or the team's club.

#### **B. Club Registration Responsibility**

1. All matters pertaining to TCYSA registration are to be processed through the club representative.
2. If the registration material is not properly completed, it will be rejected. Registration will be completed when the material has been corrected and re-submitted.
3. Each club must obtain from TCYSA registration forms and player passes for each of their teams playing in a TCYSA league. Player and coach passes will only be sold to the club representative. Clubs should keep a small supply of registration forms and player passes on hand for registration of new players to existing teams. In addition, clubs should keep supplies of league guest rosters, team roster and Roster Change Forms on hand for their teams.
4. Each club is responsible for distributing sufficient US Youth Soccer registration forms, team rosters, league guest player rosters and Roster Change Forms to all teams so that they can complete their registration.
5. Proof of birth consists of any of the following: Birth certificate, Passport, U.S. Alien Registration Card, Certificate of Naturalization, last year's registration card, if picture is attached, or driver's license. If the age of any player is challenged, the TCYSA Registrar may, at its discretion, request additional proof of birth of an official nature, such as an original or certified birth certificate, and may reject old registration player passes.
6. Expired player passes will not be returned.
7. Each club is responsible for checking each registration form, card, team roster and league guest player roster (if applicable), before it is submitted to the TCYSA Assistant Registrar to ensure that it is properly completed. This includes insuring that all information, signatures, photos, etc. are included and in their proper location.
8. The club representative is responsible for bringing all the necessary material to complete the registration. The Registrar shall determine the manner in which registration materials are to be organized. Each club shall provide at least two persons to help register teams on the day(s) of league registration.
9. Registration forms, player passes and the players listed on the rosters are to be in alphabetical order by team and player when they are submitted for registration.
10. The procedures outlined above are also to be used for league guest player rosters. However, all US Youth Soccer registration forms and player passes are to be in alphabetical order and grouped with the league guest player roster, not the official roster.

#### **C. US Youth Soccer Player Passes**

1. US Youth Soccer player passes are valid for a seasonal year (September 1 thru August 31).
2. US Youth Soccer player passes must be stamped and validated by the league in which the player is playing. A player pass validated by another US Youth Soccer league, only, is not acceptable for play in the TCYSA.
3. In the event that a team is entered into another league, the US Youth Soccer player passes from that league will be counter-stamped by TCYSA. These passes are then valid for play in any TCYSA league.
4. No player may have two US Youth Soccer player passes at the same time.
5. Player passes are to be printed in ink or typed. Player passes completed in pencil will be rejected.
6. The player pass portion of the US Youth Soccer player passes (section with the picture on it) is to be completed and not to be ripped apart and/or separated from the other half of the card prior to submission to, and validation by, the TCYSA Registrar.
7. Pictures must be glued to registration player passes. Staples or tape are not acceptable.
8. Pictures must be current, and clearly show the player. No photocopy or Xerox copy of a picture is permitted. Only an original photo is acceptable.
9. If a referee rejects the photo on the field and crosses out the photograph, a new card (with fee charge) must be issued prior to that player being able to compete in any future games. However, the player will be permitted to play in that game.
10. In the event a card is damaged, it may be returned (both sections) for a new card (no charge).

**D. Player Number**

1. Each team is to assign each player a player number. This number is composed of the Tri-County League Number "1", the team number (I.E. 7808) and a two digit number between 01 and 99. One different number is to be assigned to each player.
2. The coach is to enter the player number on both halves of each individual card for each player.
3. A sample number would be 1G780819.

**SECTION II: REQUIRED FORMS**

**A. Team Roster**

1. Each team is to complete a team roster and provide two additional copies at registration, unless more is required. The roster available from TCYSA is a two-part carbonless form, and constitutes two of the three copies. The team roster is to be printed in ink or typed. Rosters that don't meet this requirement will be rejected. Players should be listed on the team roster in alphabetical order.
2. The team roster is to be submitted to a TCYSA assistant registrar at each club's assigned time of registration. A TCYSA Assistant Registrar will verify the team roster as correct compared to the registration player passes, then validate and approve the team roster. The Assistant Registrar will cross out any unused lines on the form at the time of validation.
3. One copy of the roster will be returned to the club representative to be given to the team coach; TCYSA will retain all other copies. The validated roster should be taken to all games.

**B. USYSA Membership Form**

1. Each player, eighteen years of age or older, must sign the waiver included in the USYSA Membership Form; for younger players, a parent or guardian must sign. No player will be rostered unless the waiver has been signed.
2. A USYSA Membership Form must be completed and submitted to the TCYSA Registrar or Assistant Registrar for any new player registered to a team.

**C. League Guest Player Roster**

1. Each U-19, U-18 and U-17 team must complete and have a validated league guest player roster if they wish to carry more than 18 players.
2. All league guest players must register in the same manner as if they were included on the team's official roster. USYSA player passes will be stamped in red "TCYSA League Guest Player".

3. League guest players cannot take priority over players listed on the official team roster. League guest players can only participate in games on a one for one basis when players on the team roster do not show up for the game.
4. Players on the league guest roster may be transferred to the official team roster. However, all transfers must follow the established procedures for roster changes of both TCYSA and OSYSA, and all such transfers count against the three player transfer rule.

**D. Unofficial League Guest Player Roster**

1. U-09 through U16 teams are permitted to have an Unofficial League Guest Player Roster. No more than four players can be added to the Unofficial league Guest Player Roster. Such players are properly rostered for play in a TCYSA league, only; they are not properly rostered for play outside a TCYSA league, and the player pass will so indicate. The total number of players on a team's roster and Unofficial League Guest Player Roster cannot exceed eighteen.
2. All unofficial league guest players must register in the same manner as if they were included on the team's official roster. Each USYSA player pass will be stamped in red to indicate the player is unofficially rostered.
3. Previously rostered players may be added to a team's Unofficial League Guest Player Roster only after it has added to its roster the three previously rostered players it is allowed by OSYSA during the seasonal year. Thus, for TCYSA league play, a team may carry up to seven previously rostered players.
4. A player on the Unofficial League Guest Player Roster is not eligible to compete in State Cup. The player's status for any other tournament will have to be determined on a tournament-by-tournament basis by the tournament, itself.

**E. Roster Changes**

1. To add, delete or transfer a player or coach to a team's previously validated roster, a Roster Change Form must be used. **ROSTER CHANGE, VOLUNTARY QUIT, INTER-TEAM PLAYER TRANSFER REQUEST AND APPROVAL, LEAGUE GUEST PLAYER ROSTER, AND UNOFFICIAL LEAGUE GUEST PLAYER ROSTER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM TCYSA. EACH ONE IS A CARBONLESS, TWO-PART FORM. IF YOU USE A COPY OF THE FORM, RATHER THAN ONE PROVIDED BY THE LEAGUE, SUBMIT AN "ORIGINAL" AND A COPY.**
2. During a seasonal year (September 1 through August 31), a team is allowed to add to its official team roster only three (3) players who were previously rostered with another team during that seasonal year. A team is allowed a maximum of eighteen (18) players on its official team roster. HOWEVER, see rules for league guest players for the U17 through U19 aged teams, and rules for unofficial league guest players for U09 through U16 aged teams which permit, with certain limitations, players in addition to the number allowed for in this paragraph E.2.
3. **To ADD A PLAYER OR COACH** to a team's official roster the following must be submitted to the Registrar or Assistant Registrar to whom the team's club is assigned:
  - Two-part roster change form
  - Third (league) copy of roster change form
  - New player or coach pass
  - USYSA membership form
  - Copy of current roster, with previous roster change forms, if any
  - Proof of birth (not needed for coaches)
  - Stamped return envelope
4. **DELETE A PLAYER (not a transfer) OR COACH**, the following must be submitted to the Registrar or Assistant Registrar to whom the teams club is assigned.
  - Two-part roster change form
  - Third (league) copy of roster change form
  - Copy of current roster, with previous roster change forms, if any
  - Two-part voluntary quit form (not needed for coaches)

- Player or coach pass of the person being dropped
  - Stamped return envelope
5. **To TRANSFER A PLAYER TO A TEAM** (movement of a player from a team's league guest player roster to its primary roster is a transfer), the following must be submitted to the Registrar or Assistant Registrar to whom the team's club is assigned:
- Two-part roster change form
  - Third (league) copy of roster change form
  - Two-part inter-team player transfer request and approval form
  - Player pass from the team the player is leaving
  - Player pass from the team the player is leaving
  - Player pass for new team
  - Copy of current roster, with previous roster change forms, if any
  - USYSA membership form
  - Proof of birth
  - Stamped return envelope
6. **To DELETE A PLAYER TRANSFERRING TO ANOTHER TEAM**, the following must be submitted to the Registrar or Assistant Registrar to whom the team's club is assigned:
- Two-part roster change form
  - Third (league) copy of roster change form
  - Copy of Inter-team transfer request and approval form that was signed by the coach of the team the player is leaving and the transferring player, OR include the transferring player's new team number on the roster change form
  - Copy of current roster, with previous roster change forms, if any
  - Stamped return envelope
7. **To ADD A PLAYER TO THE UNOFFICIAL LEAGUE GUEST PLAYER ROSTER** (see Section II, D., above, for rules concerning the use of this form), the following must be submitted to the Registrar, only:
- Two-part unofficial league guest roster form
  - Third (league) copy of the unofficial league guest player roster form
  - Signed statement explaining limitations of being an unofficial league guest player
  - New player pass
  - USYSA membership form
  - Copy of current roster, with previous roster change forms, if any
  - Proof of birth (not needed for coaches)
  - Stamped return envelope
8. **AMOUNT OF TIME TO PROCESS ROSTER CHANGES.**
- A. **PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF LEAGUE PLAY.** At any time prior to the beginning of league play, allow up to three (3) weeks after receipt by the registrar to whom the team's club is assigned of all properly prepared documentation for it to be processed.
- B. **ONCE LEAGUE PLAY BEGINS.** Once league play begins, if all documentation required for a roster change, **correctly prepared**, is received by the registrar to whom the team's club is assigned, it will be processed in time for the player(s)/coach(es) to participate in the first Sunday game that is ten (10) days after receipt thereof. The forms will be available either by mail or pick-up.
- C. **NOTE:** Teams should allow for the amount of time described above to process roster changes. However, that doesn't mean the Registrar or Assistant

Registrar to whom the team's club is assigned will take that much time, but it will allow all the changes submitted to be processed.

**F. 8 V 8 Playing Rules**

Unless otherwise specified, the rules in use by US Youth Soccer shall apply except as modified herein.

1. The field shall be rectangular and at least 70 yards long and at least 40 yards wide.
2. Reduced size fields may have penalty areas that are 14 yards long by 36 yards wide.
3. Full size penalty areas that are 18 yards long by 44 yards wide may also be used.
4. Goals are seven to eight feet high and seven to eight yards wide.
5. The maximum number of players on the field at any one time is eight, one of who is the goalkeeper.
6. The maximum number of players on the roster shall not exceed 14.
7. Coaches are encouraged to play all players at least 50 % of the total playing time; however, this is not a requirement.
8. A team may play with a no less than five players on the field.

**SECTION III: RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Ohio South (OSYSA) adopted a risk management program in order to "protect and provide a safe and healthful environment for children participating in OSYSA's sanctioned soccer clubs, associations, leagues, programs and tournaments." This program is applicable to "all OSYSA Board members, as well as all coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, adult referees, and any other individual who is expected to have regular contact with children" who is eighteen (18) years of age, or older. Any individual with an arrest and/or criminal conviction record will be reviewed by OSYSA to determine his/her fitness to be associated with an OSYSA program. Any individual included on a sexual offender registry will automatically be disqualified.

The OSYSA risk management program will be administered in TCYSA in the following manner:

1. Disclosure forms must be completed and submitted to TCYSA in a sealed envelope, which no one in TCYSA will open; each will be given to OSYSA for processing. TCYSA will provide each club with disclosure forms and envelopes.
2. Each person must complete and submit a disclosure form at the time he/she first becomes subject to the program. Thereafter, a disclosure form must be prepared and submitted every two years.
3. Each club shall submit the necessary disclosure forms, and any such other documentation as may be required, to TCYSA at each league registration.
4. If an individual become subject to the program due to a roster change, or the team is rostered not on a league registration day, the disclosure form must be submitted with the appropriate documentation.
5. No individual will be added to a roster without having submitted a disclosure form.
6. At each registration, and at any other time when requested by TCYSA, each club shall submit a list of each individual associated with it that is required to prepare a disclosure form. The list shall contain such information as is necessary to allow TCYSA to determine that all applicable individuals have submitted disclosure forms, and to otherwise allow TCYSA administer the program.

## **CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT**

1. Soccer belongs to the players. Coaches need to understand this and put the welfare of the game and of the players ahead of their personal ambition and egos.
2. All persons associated with a club or one of its teams will abide by the rules of TCYSA, and in the spirit thereof. No person will act in a manner that would be considered unreasonable or improper conduct, in the circumstances.
3. Coaches, parents and supporters must never place the value of winning above the safety and welfare of the players. Winning should be the result of thorough preparation and discipline.
4. The Laws of Soccer are written to insure a continuous flow of action, while protecting the safety of the players, though injuries may occur. Coaches must be thoroughly knowledgeable of the Laws and rules of play, and must educate their players so they, too, know and understand the Laws and rules of play, and adhere to both their letter and spirit.
5. Advantage shall never be sought by deliberately violating the laws nor by engaging in unsportsmanlike behavior. Coaches shall not tolerate unsportsmanlike behavior by members of their team toward opponents, officials or spectators, regardless of the situation.
6. Neither a coaches, his/her players or spectators will direct abusive or intimidating language or behavior toward the players and coaches of the opposing team and its supporters, or the officials. Personal remarks and improper language will not be tolerated.
7. Coaches and parents have an obligation to teach good sportsmanship by both word and example. Players must learn to win without boasting and lose without bitterness. A coach must work to instill in his/her players proper respect for opponents and officials. Each coach should set the example by such things as exchanging a friendly greeting with the opposing coach before the game. The losing team should congratulate the winning team.
8. Each coach is responsible for the behavior of his/her team and its supporters at the field.
9. A coaches should be as inconspicuous as possible during the game.
10. Game decisions by officials should not be questioned. Criticism of officials by coaches, players or spectators is not permitted. Each coach shall maintain a controlled, undemonstrative attitude toward the officials.
11. It is unethical to recruit a player rostered on another team. Clubs shall establish procedures to prevent recruiting.

## **NOTES**

### **OFFICIALS**

An official may be requested to give an interpretation of a rule applied -- provided the coach (or designated assistant coach) makes the request in a polite and dignified manner at halftime or at the end of the game. If criticism of an official is believed to be warranted, it shall be put in writing and directed to the assigning club and the TCYSA Referee Coordinator.

### **PENALTIES**

Unsportsmanlike conduct by players, coaches or spectators shall cause a warning (yellow card) to be issued. Repetition or a more serious offense will cause ejection (red card). See FIFA Law XII and TCYSA Playing Rules. In the event a coach or spectator is ejected, the game shall not resume until they have left the area.

### **BREACHES OF ETHICS OR CONDUCT**

Breaches of ethics or conduct may be reported to the TCYSA League Conduct Committee in writing within 24 hours of their occurrence. Complaints may be initiated by officials, coaches, or players, and should be mailed to the President or League Director. The League Conduct Committee shall review the complaint, and make recommendations to the TCYSA Executive Committee.

## **BY-LAWS**

### **I. CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **A. Fields**

1. Each club is responsible to provide sufficient home fields to permit scheduling of all games. The League Director shall determine what number of fields is sufficient. All home fields must be of adequate size to handle the age of players assigned to play on that field. In the event that the club cannot provide sufficient fields or fields of sufficient size, the League Director is to limit the number of teams that can be handled by the available field(s).
2. Each club is responsible for maintaining their home fields in playable condition, properly marked with marble dust or paint (no lime is to be used).
3. Each club is responsible for insuring that nets and corner flags are available for all their home games.
4. Each club (or group of clubs) is to have a field coordinator who is responsible for closing the fields in the event of inclement weather. This person's name is to be made available to all other clubs in TCYSA.
5. Each club's home team is responsible for notifying their opponents as soon as possible if their fields are closed due to inclement weather. An effort should be made to notify the visiting team at least 1 1/2 hours before game time.

#### **B. Referees**

Each club (or group of clubs in one area) is responsible to provide a referee coordinator/assignor for all games. Each club is responsible for assigning referees to all games on their home field(s).

#### **C. Registration**

1. Each club is responsible for submitting the following forms each season to be properly registered:
  - a) "Club Registration" form (FORM NO: CR9111.FRM)
  - b) "League Support" form (FORM NO: LS9111.FRM)
  - c) "Field Directions" form (FORM NO: FD9111.FRM)
  - d) "Preliminary Team Registration" form (FORM NO: PRT9111.FRM) for each team to be entered into league play
  - e) "Bracket Comments Form", if necessary (FORM NO: BCF9206.FRM) for each team that either wishes to contest their initial bracketing, or has a coaching changeThe TCYSA Treasurer must receive all of the above materials no later than the established deadline for team registration for the current season. The club is responsible to insure that the entry forms are correct. Payment of the entry fees is to be made by the club to Tri-County Youth Soccer Association in one check. All teams entered into TCYSA must be affiliated with a club.
2. Each club is responsible for purchasing sufficient US Youth Soccer registration player passes from the Tri-County Youth Soccer Association to cover all players on the teams that will be entered into Tri-County Youth Soccer Association leagues. Payment for registration player passes is to be made by the club.
3. Each club is responsible for insuring that all registration player passes are properly filled out and completed before they are submitted to the Registrar for validation.

#### **D. Training**

Each club is responsible for encouraging their members to attend referee/coaches clinics to be held in their area.

#### **E. Committees**

Each club shall provide personnel to serve in various association capacities such as Division Coordinator, Newsletter Editor and various committees.

### **II. FINANCIAL**

#### **A. League**

1. Tri-County Youth Soccer Association will establish a league budget prior to each season. The budget will be available for review and will be used to set league fees.

2. All team registration fees must accompany the club registration materials (See I.C.1.) at the time the registration materials are submitted.
3. The Treasurer's books may be audited or reviewed by a committee annually.
4. The Association officers shall be bonded for an appropriate amount to be established by the Executive Committee.
5. Cash reserves of the Association shall not exceed levels consistent with the ongoing needs of the Association.
6. The Executive Committee will prepare, for Board of Directors approval, four budgets. The budgets will be for the Buckeye Tournament, Fall League, Spring League and League Administrative expenses. The Executive Committee may authorize purchase for items contained in the budgets. In addition, the Executive Committee may authorize any purchase up to the amount of \$200.00 for any item not included in the budget. Budgets are to be prepared as needed and for Board of Directors meetings.

### **III PLAYER REGISTRATION**

#### **A. Requirements - Individual**

1. A player must be within the age specified by the US Youth Soccer. Proof of birth consists of any of the following: Birth certificate, Board of Health Records, Passport or Alien Registration Card issued by the United States Government, Certificate of Naturalization issued by the Immigration and Naturalization service or last year's validated registration card if the picture is attached.
2. Each player must be registered with the US Youth Soccer, must have a USYSA Player Pass (to be held by the coach during the season), and be listed on the team roster which must include the player's ages. The USYSA Player Pass will be issued only upon presentation of proof of age and a current picture of the player.
3. To participate in a game, a player must have a registration card and be listed on the official team roster. Any player violating this rule will be considered ineligible. Any game in which an ineligible player participates shall be forfeited.
4. Players cannot be registered and playing with any other soccer team during a Tri-County league season. (Exception, the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association, Inc. state select team.)
5. Players may be added to a team's roster anytime during the season but prior to June 1 for the Spring Season and November 1 for the Fall season. U-15 and above teams are exempted from this cutoff.

#### **B. Requirements - Team**

1. Team rosters may have a maximum of 18 players, unless a larger number is specifically authorized for that Division by the League playing Rules.
2. Each team must bring their US Youth Soccer player passes and a copy of their TCYSA Team Roster to every game. These must be made available to the referee or the opposing coach for checking, upon request. In the event that a team arrives at the field without their player passes and roster, all team members shall be required to sign their names on a blank sheet of paper. The opposing coach will submit the temporary roster to the TCYSA Registrar to have the signatures checked. If the signatures do not match, the game will be forfeited.
3. The composition of teams must comply with the League rules. However, the method of selection and makeup of the team is solely the responsibility of the local Club. Within the restrictions of B-1 and A-5 above, players may be added to a team's roster. Such players must be registered through the TCYSA Registrar and obtain valid US Youth Soccer player passes. Revised TCYSA Rosters must also be submitted at the same time.

### **IV REFEREES**

#### **A. Rules**

USSF/FIFA rules will be followed in all games except as specified in the League Playing Rules.

#### **B. Refereeing System**

1. The three man FIFA/USSF/US Youth Soccer referee system will be used in all games.
2. Each team subject to the referee's approval will appoint one club linesman in the event the assigned assistant referees are not available, and the game will proceed using one referee and two club linesmen. If only one assistant referee is not available, the home team will provide the club linesman. In no event is the two man referee system to be used. Penalty for use of the two man referee system shall be forfeiture of the match by both teams. NOTE: A referee cannot refuse to use club linemen

**C. Qualification and Assignment**

1. Each club will only assign USSF licensed referees and assistant referee to all TCYSA games. Under no circumstance shall the assigned referee be of the same age or younger than the age of the game assigned. In the event that the club cannot provide licensed referees to officiate all of the club's games, the Executive Committee shall limit the number of teams the club can enter into TCYSA.
2. In case the assigned referee fails to appear (within 10 minutes of game time), a referee may be appointed by mutual agreement of the two teams. This agreement will be confirmed in writing and signed by both coaches. The signed agreement will be presented to the appointed referee prior to the start of the game. After the game, the appointed referee will mail the signed agreement to the TCYSA Referee Coordinator. If agreement is not reached in writing, the game shall be rescheduled in accordance with Section V, D, 2. However, should a club fail to assign a referee, the home team shall forfeit the game.
3. TCYSA may appoint the referee for any game or games. When this is done, the local Referee Assignor shall be notified in advance and the Tri-County appointed referee will officiate the game.

**D. Payment**

1. Both teams before the start of the game shall pay referee fees for all games. The referee fees shall be established in the League Playing Rules.
2. Referees and linesmen appointed under the provisions of B or C above, (including club linesmen) shall be entitled to the fee specified.

**V LEAGUES**

**A. Number of Leagues and Season**

1. The Tri-County Youth Soccer Association shall establish two leagues:
  - The Tri-County Spring League
  - The Tri-County Fall League
2. The Tri-County Spring League shall have a season which begins no earlier than the last Sunday in March and ends no later than the last Sunday in June.
3. The Tri-County Fall League shall have a season which begins no earlier than the last Sunday in August and ends no later than the fourth Sunday in November.
4. The League Director shall establish the exact dates of play at least two months prior to the beginning of the season with the concurrence of the Executive Club.
5. Any games rained out during the final two weeks of the season may be played up to one week after the last regularly scheduled week of the season. The Executive Committee may allow teams to play more than one week after the end of the season, if, in its discretion, circumstances justify such further extension. The League Director may approve play-off games for first place beyond any such extended period.
6. Prior to each season, the Executive Committee shall establish the final date for team registration.

**B. League Structure**

1. Each league will operate both boys and girls divisions.
2. If sufficient teams enter, the league shall operate different playing levels of competition within each Age Group such as A, B, C1, C2, C3 etc. As many levels of necessary will be operated to support the number of teams entered by the Clubs.

3. Leagues will operate in single year age groups. In the event that insufficient teams are available to form a single year league, then teams may be grouped in two brackets (which will follow US Youth Soccer practice of under 14, under 16, etc. if at all possible).
4. U-11 thru U-19 - Six teams will be placed in each A and B division. However, six-team B Divisions will be phased in beginning with the U-11 age group during the 2001 - 2002 seasonal year. The B Division for age groups that were U-12 and older during the 2001 - 2002 seasonal year will continue to have ten teams. All other divisions will have ten teams. The last two levels will be balanced so that no division has more than ten teams and no division may have fewer than four teams. The A and B Divisions will be scheduled to play ten games (each opponent twice); the ten-team divisions will be scheduled to play nine games (each opponent once), lower divisions with four to nine teams will be scheduled for between seven and ten games (repeat opponents based upon luck of the draw). The League Director may accept a team(s) after the entry deadline if it is needed to complete the number of teams for any level or to replace a team that has dropped out.
5. U-12 thru U-19 - Teams will be placed in a playing level within their proper age based on their ranking after the previous season has been completed. New teams will be placed in the bottom playing level; however, the team may document to the League Director the quality of the team. At the League Directors option, the new team may be placed in any C level that best reflects this team's ability. If there are only two levels, the new team must be placed in the lower level.
6. U-9 will be the youngest age group offered in the spring and in the fall seasons. If there is sufficient interest in the U-9 and U-10 age groups, the League Director may establish two competitive groups for each; one comprised of teams whose players are chosen without regard to ability, and the other with players who are chosen based upon their ability. In the group whose players are chosen without regard to ability, divisions will be bracketed based upon a blind draw or some other method determined by the Executive Committee that does not consider the ability of players. In the group whose players are chosen based upon ability, a committee selected by the Executive Committee will bracket the U-9 age group. A Committee selected by the Executive committee will bracket the U-10 age group by taking the top half of teams from the U-9 spring divisions and make two (2) upper divisions and two (2) lower divisions from the remaining teams.
7. U-11 bracketing in the fall will be based upon the rankings of each club's teams in the U-11 through U-13 age divisions after the previous Spring season has been completed. However, if more than 50% of the roster of any one of a club's teams in the U-11 through U-13 ages includes players who reside outside the area served by TCYSA, the ranking of such team(s) will not be used in the determination of the ranking of the club's team(s) competing in the U-11 age group for the first time.
8. Team ranking positions belong to the Club (Club, at their option, may transfer their team ranking position to a team that is leaving the Club). Any team that switches Clubs will be assigned a new team number and will be assigned as a new team. Any team that misses two or more consecutive TCYSA seasons will be considered a new team.
9. If a team misses (skips) one season and returns to play the following season, it will be placed down one playing level (i.e., B to C1). However, at the time of entry, the team may provide documentation of its strength within its previous playing level to show that it should remain in the higher (original) playing level. Based on the League Directors approval, the team may be placed back in its same playing level. Under no circumstances can a team that skips a season be placed in the next higher playing level or be allowed to play up in the next highest age group, nor can a team that finished last in the season before the skip be placed in the same playing level. If a team that skips finished last during the season that it played, it must be placed down one playing level

notwithstanding the documentation furnished. This paragraph does not apply to teams with players who played in high school during the time of the previous season. If a team that skipped a season returns, in the playing level that they are placed, the two bottom team(s) (if necessary) within that playing level will be moved down based on the principles contained in this section.

10. At the end of each playing season, all U-11 thru U-19 teams will be ranked within their playing level. In the "A" divisions the last place team moves down one position in ranking, and the first place team in the "B" division moves up one position in ranking. In all other divisions the lower two teams in the upper division move down two ranking positions, and the upper two teams in the lower division move up two ranking positions. In assigning teams to each playing level the following playing season, the age group divisions will be filled based upon this ranking system. Teams that did not compete in the prior season will be placed based upon the exceptions identified elsewhere in this section.
11. Teams that finished in first place in the A level of the U 11 or higher Age Groups have the choice to play up in the next higher Age Group. If the team requests in writing at the time the preliminary roster is submitted to TCYSA, it will be assigned to the next higher Age Group in the B level. If this request is made and all teams are returning to the effected Age Group level (including required move up/down teams), the team with the second lowest record will be moved down to the next lowest playing level in that Age Group. This principle will be followed until all teams are properly placed.
12. Teams that finished in first place in the A level of the U 11 or higher Age Group may request to play up in the A level of the next higher Age Group rather than in the B level if the team documents that they can win in this Age Group A level. However, documentation must prove extreme strength in their current age group level. If the team has the documentation to move to the A level rather than the B level, the League Director shall place them in the A level. If the team is placed in the A level, the principles of movement outlined for placing a team in the B level will apply.
13. If a team that was playing up in the next highest Age Group in either the A or B level requests to move down, the team will be placed in their proper Age Group in the A level. In this case, the bottom two teams will be moved to each of the next lower playing level as outlined in this Section. If the team is or will be in the next season in the C division of the play up Age Group and the team requests to be placed in their own Age Group, the team will be placed in their proper age in the B level. Two teams will be moved down from this level as outlined in this section.
14. Once a team elects the play up option and is placed in the higher Age Group, future placement (if the team elects to stay in the play up Age Group) will be based on the appropriate rules using the results the team achieved in the play up Age Group.
15. In the fall season in the U 14 and up Age Groups, the League Director is to establish playing levels in these Age Groups based on the principles outlined in this Section. However, due to the fact of the OHSAA season, the League Director may adjust teams between Age Groups and playing levels as necessary. Placement of teams for the following spring season shall only use the records of the teams from spring (U-13) season. An exception may be granted for a team in the non-school age that may have played up.
16. Clubs will be provided by mail with team assignment to Age Groups and playing levels six (6) weeks prior to the start of the season. Clubs may appeal any placement to the League Director based on any decision reached that does not conform with the rules contained in this section. Appeals must be filed in writing to TCYSA League Director within one week of the receipt of the bracket information.
17. The TCYSA Executive Committee shall hold a Board of Directors meeting at least three week prior to the start of the season for the express purpose of reviewing and approving the brackets. All clubs will be notified of the date of

the meeting in writing and all clubs will have the right to appeal the decision of the League Director to the Executive Committee. Clubs may elect to be involved in any appeal from another Club and challenge this appeal as it relates to any teams from their Club. Since this is a Board of Directors meeting, temporary (single season, non-precedent setting) changes to the bracketing rules may be made with a simple majority approval of the league voting members. Bracketing decisions made at this meeting for the upcoming season are final; there can be no further appeal within the organization.

18. Clubs may wish to have one or more of their teams switched from one level to another level (i.e., B to C1 or C1 to B) in the same age division. During the Appeals meeting they may request with another Club to have teams trade places between playing levels in the same age group. If another Club wishes to have a team switch, the Executive Committee with a majority vote may permit this switch.
19. Teams cannot play in an age group when any single player is older than that age group. For a team to play in U-11 and each younger age group, at least one-half the team's rostered players must have a birth date that is within the range of birth dates of each such age group.
20. US Youth Soccer standard Age groups will be used to determine age of players for Tri-County Youth Soccer Association. The Board of Directors, by a vote of at least two-thirds of those present and authorized to vote at a duly called meeting, may establish age groups different than those of US Youth Soccer.

#### **C. Computer Records**

1. All clubs will be assigned a two digit club number.
2. All teams will assigned a team number based on its age group (i.e. G6801 is a girls team in the 1968 age group, B6901 is a boys team playing in the 69 age group). All teams in each age will initially be numbered in sequence starting with the two digits 01. Each team will retain this distinctive number for all subsequent seasons.

#### **D. Scheduling**

1. All games must be played on the date scheduled (except as noted below), however, the coaches of both teams may change the date of the game if this change to a new date is before the original scheduled date. If the game is not played on or before the original scheduled date, the game will be forfeited to the team that shows up at the scheduled field at the proper time (or double forfeit). For any change in games the referee coordinator responsible for that game must be informed or the teams are responsible for the referee fees for the scheduled game.
2. Except as provided for in By-Law V A.5. games may be rescheduled to be played up to three playing weeks after the scheduled date only if required due to:
  - a. Rain out, in which the teams involved are mutually responsible for rescheduling. The home team must notify the Division Coordinator of the rain out on the day it occurs or the home team will be charged with a forfeit. If the teams involved have not notified the Division Coordinator of the rescheduled time and location within seven days of the rain out, the Division Coordinator shall, without regard to the preferences from either team, establish a time and location for the game (a neutral field may be utilized) and it shall be played within the following fourteen days. If the coach of one of the teams is the Division Coordinator, then the Boy's or Girl's Coordinator or League Director (whoever does not represent one of the teams or clubs involved) shall set the time, date and location.
  - b. Team competition (not Olympic Development Team) sponsored by the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association, Inc. Should a team be eliminated from OSYSA competition prior to the day a game is scheduled, the league game must be played. Rules regarding league notification and rescheduling for item "a" above shall apply.

- c. Sanctioned Tournament Games \* (\* games that conflict with league games) during the first two weeks of the season. Rules regarding league notification and rescheduling for item "a." above shall apply.

League games conflicting with tournament games after the first two playing weeks of the season, must be played prior to the scheduled date. It shall be the responsibility of the tournament team to notify the Division Coordinator of the rescheduled game. If a rescheduled date cannot be agreed upon, the tournament team shall notify the Division Coordinator at least two weeks prior to the tournament conflict and the Division Coordinator shall act as stated in item "a" above.

#### **E. Control and Conduct**

1. The ***coach is responsible*** for the action of players and spectators associated with the team and is required to take all precautions to prevent spectators from threatening, assaulting or harassing the officials or opposing players before, during or at the conclusion of the game.
2. The League Director shall appoint a standing committee that shall be responsible for breaches of conduct by players, coaches or spectators. The committee shall have the authority to levy such penalties as may be prescribed by the League Playing Rules, except that serious charges involving coaches and/or spectators, which are substantiated, shall be referred to the TCYSA Executive Committee for action.

#### **F. Protests**

1. Coaches wishing to file a protest shall be notify the referee of this intention. The notification shall be made in a courteous manner, on the field, at or by the conclusion of the game. The referee shall then notify the opposing coach.
2. A formal protest must be in writing, accompanied by a fifty dollar fee (refundable if the protest is honored). The protest shall be postmarked or delivered to the Chairman of the TCYSA Protest Committee no later than 48 hours after the game. The Chairman of the Protest Committee shall send a copy of the protest to the League Director.
3. A formal protest cannot be withdrawn.
4. All protests must be based on the application of a rule of the game, and not a referee's judgement.
5. The Protest Committee shall render a decision within 10 days of the receipt of the protest.

### **VI REGISTRAR**

#### **A. The Association Registrar**

1. The President, with Executive Committee approval, shall appoint an Association Registrar.
2. The Association Registrar shall be responsible for the purchase of all Association US Youth Soccer player passes.
3. The Registrar shall be responsible for issuing all US Youth Soccer player passes to member clubs and the concurrent collection of the US Youth Soccer fees for same.
4. The Registrar shall be responsible for the validation of all Association US Youth Soccer player passes and for their completeness.

#### **B. Registration**

1. The Registrar shall, with Executive Committee approval appoint suitable qualified Assistant Registrars to assist in the validation of US Youth Soccer player passes at the beginning of each season. The Assistant Registrars shall be distributed geographically to simplify access by member clubs. At a suitable date after the start of the season, the Registrar shall recover and retain custody of all OSYSA Commissioner's signature stamps.
2. After validation of US Youth Soccer player passes, the Assistant Registrar shall return the "Player Passes" to the club. All "League cards" and "US Youth Soccer Registrar cards" shall be forwarded to the Association Registrar. The Association Registrar shall file the "League cards" by team and shall

consolidate and forward the US Youth Soccer - Registrar Cards to the Registrar of OSYSA.

3. The Registrar shall be the repository of all team applications after their acceptance by the League. The Registrar shall also receive and retain all Team Rosters and individual player Waiver forms.

**C. Records**

1. The Registrar shall, by suitable means, insure that there is a waiver form and a validated US Youth Soccer League card on file for all players on the team roster. Waiver forms and team rosters shall be filed and retained for one year.
2. With Executive Committee approval, the Registrar may appoint an Assistant Registrar to assist in the above tasks.
3. The Registrar shall verify player signatures when necessary under Section III-B, 2.
4. When TCYSA teams travel, the Registrar shall supply the rosters and player passes for examination by the Commissioner of OSYSA.

**VII EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**A. Authority**

The authority of the Executive Committee is to enforce the provisions of the Tri-County Youth Soccer Association, includes, but is not limited to, suspension of any team, and/or coach, and/or players for a fixed period of time.

**B. Hearings**

Teams, coaches or players are entitled to a hearing before the Executive Committee for any action taken under these provisions of the By-laws, with the exception of automatic suspensions as listed in the League Playing Rules.

**VIII EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITY**

The Secretary of TCYSA shall by First Class Mail, send a copy of the minutes or a summary of the minutes of all Executive Committee meetings to each member club of TCYSA. The minutes or summary shall be mailed within one week after the Executive Committee approves them. If the Executive Committee elects to provide the summary, the summary shall include all actions taken or recommended, the outcome of all votes including the names of committee members and position of their vote if by roll call, if the vote is not by roll call, the specific number for and against, the name of the Executive Committee member that presents any motion and the name of the second to all motions, the results of all recommendations, all authorized expenditures of Association funds, full data concerning appointments or special committees. In addition, a summary of all reports provided to the Executive Committee by all special or standing committees (except reports on personnel if so voted by the Executive Committee, such vote to be noted in the summary or minutes) and the members of the Executive Committee present at the meeting.

**IX BOUNDARIES**

**A. Specific Limits**

1. The following boundaries are established for the Tri- County Youth Soccer Association:

- The western boundary shall be the Ohio/Indiana state line.
- The eastern boundary shall start at the Ohio River and run northward through Clermont County along Ohio Highway 132 until it reaches the intersection of the Morrow Road north of Pleasant Plain. From there it shall run northward along the highway to Morrow. From Morrow, it shall run northward along the Little Miami River or an extension thereof to the Warren-Montgomery County line.
- The northern boundary shall be the northern boundary of Butler and Warren Counties.
- The southern boundary shall be the Ohio River.

**B. Field Locations**

All member clubs playing fields shall be within the boundaries set forth above, except for Harrison, which may utilize fields located within one mile of the western boundary, Centerville, which may utilize fields located within five miles of the

northern boundary, and Northern Kentucky, which may utilize fields located in Campbell, Boone and Kenton counties, Kentucky; provided, however, the use of any fields that have not been utilized prior to December 31, 2002, that are located south of Kentucky Route 18 in Boone County, or south of Route 18, if it had extended in its general direction east into Kenton and Campbell Counties, will require the approval of two-thirds of the clubs voting at a duly authorized Board of Directors meeting. No other clubs shall be permitted to have their playing fields located outside these boundaries.

**C. Exception**

1. Tri-County Youth Soccer Association will accept one club from Northern Kentucky and one club from Centerville for full membership in TCYSA. The playing fields of the Northern Kentucky club may be located outside of the boundaries established above. However, it is provided that any member club located inside of the boundaries established above shall have the option of playing all games scheduled against teams from the Northern Kentucky clubs at their home field.
2. Membership of the Northern Kentucky club shall be conditional on approval, and the continued approval each year of the US Youth Soccer State Commissioner for the Kentucky Youth Soccer Association.

**X AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS**

- A. Amendment to these By-laws shall require an affirmative vote by a majority of the votes cast by member clubs present and in good standing at any duly authorized meeting of the Board of Directors.
- B. A proposed amendment can be made by any member club in good standing, by the Executive Committee, as a whole, or by any member thereof. Any such proposal shall be circulated by the proposing party to each member club and to each member of the Executive Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the next meeting of the Board of Directors; provided, however, the thirty day requirement may be waived upon the approval of seventy percent (70%) of the number of clubs entitled to vote (each club having one vote). Thus, if thirty four clubs are entitled to vote, in order to waive the thirty day requirement, regardless of the number of clubs actually in attendance at a meeting, twenty four clubs must vote to do so.

**LEAGUE REFEREE RULES**

The basic rules of play for TCYSA are covered under US Youth Soccer/USSF/FIFA rules of play. Any modifications to FIFA/USSF/US Youth Soccer rules as approved by the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association, Inc. are included in the TCYSA League Playing Rules. The following are the instructions and guidelines for all referees to follow in administering all Tri-County Youth Soccer Association games.

**SECTION I - USSF REFEREE, ASSISTANT REFEREE QUALIFICATIONS**

**A. General**

1. All TCYSA games will be officiated by the diagonal system of control/three man USSF referee system. All assigned referee/assistant referees are to be USSF licensed officials. The assigned referee is to be older than the players of the assigned game.
2. Each team will be given a forfeit if the game is officiated by any other system than the three man system.
3. In the event that one or more assigned assistant referees do not show up for the assigned game, a club lineman (linesmen) shall be used. The referee cannot refuse the use of club linesmen. A club linesmen is entitled to the assistant referee's fee for all games worked if he/she is a currently certified/registered US Soccer referee.

**B. Game Preparation**

1. The referee/assistant referees are to check the field/net/corner flags/line markings prior to the start of the game.
2. The referee is not to start the game, or is to stop all games, if field conditions would result in dangerous play to the players. The referee may stop the game if continued play would result in damage to the playing field. However, closing

a field due to damage to it may also be done by the Field Coordinator for the home team.

3. The referee is to check the players' equipment prior to the start of the game and not permit any players to play who will be dangerous to him/her self or any other players. If dangerous equipment is found after the game starts, the equipment and/or the player is to be removed from the field as soon as it is discovered.
4. The referee/assistant referee is to check the US Youth Soccer player passes prior to the game. The pass is to be checked for the following: (1) age of players is correct for age of game, (2) current picture of player, (3) current expiration date of US Youth Soccer player pass, (4) includes validation signature of Ohio South Youth Soccer Association Commissioner, (5) validation signature includes the proper league identification (TCYSA).
5. The USSF player pass shall remain in the referee/assistant referee's possession until the end of the game. The referee is not to return any US Youth Soccer player passes for any player that is red carded or found to be in violation of any rules or regulations of US Youth Soccer/TCYSA.

**C. Game Payment**

1. Each team is to present the game fee to the referee along with their US Youth Soccer player passes prior to the start of the game. The fee is to be paid in the exact dollar amount due by each team. The referee is responsible for paying the assistant referee at the rates outlined in the League Playing Rules.

**SECTION II - REFEREE RESPONSIBILITIES**

**A. Game Actions**

1. The referee is to submit a written summary detailing the circumstances of all red cards issued during all games. The US Youth Soccer player's pass is to be retained by the referee. The report and the US Youth Soccer player's pass (es) are to be forwarded to the League Referee Coordinator. The referee is to also send a copy to the Area Referee Coordinator with his report of all red cards issued.
2. The referee is to submit a written report directly to the League Referee Coordinator with a copy to the Area Referee Coordinator detailing the circumstances of all games that are suspended.

**B. US Youth Soccer Player Passes**

1. The validation signature on the picture side of the US Youth Soccer player pass is to contain the initials "TCYSA", these initials indicating that the player pass has been validated for play in TCYSA. If these initials are not present or the initials of another league are present on the card, the player is not to be allowed to play in the game and the card is to be sent to the League Referee Coordinator. Only players with US Youth Soccer player passes validated by TCYSA are to play in TCYSA games.
2. No team is permitted to dress more than 18 players at any game. No more than 18 different players may play in any game. If more than 18 different players take part in the game, the game is to be suspended and the details reported to the League Director.
3. It is the responsibility of each team to bring their US Youth Soccer player passes and a copy of their TCYSA Roster to every game. Rosters must be made available to the referee upon request.
4. If the referee determines that a picture of a player is over 18 months old, the picture should be marked out in ink with a "X". The player is to be permitted to complete the game. If a player presents a card with the picture already "X"ed out, a referee in a prior game has determined that the picture is over 18 months old and that player is not to be permitted to play in the game.
5. If the age of the player shown on the card is older than the age group playing, the player is not to be allowed to play in the game. The card is to be returned to the League Referee Coordinator. The circumstances of the older player is to be reported in writing to the League Referee Coordinator in the same manner as a red card.

6. If the US Youth Soccer player pass does not have a validation signature on the picture side of the card, the player is to be allowed to play in the game as long as he/she is listed on the TCYSA roster. If the player is not listed on the roster, he/she is not to be permitted to play. The pass is to be picked up and sent to the League Referee Coordinator along with all of the details.
7. If the US Youth Soccer player pass is stamped "GUEST PLAYER" or "INDOOR ONLY", the player is not to be allowed to play in the game. These player passes are for tournaments or for indoor play only and are not valid for TCYSA league games.
8. US Youth Soccer player passes stamped "TCYSA GUEST PLAYER" are to be permitted to play. TCYSA has authorized up to four league guest players in the U-19, U-18 and U-17 age groups. However, the team must have a supplemental TCYSA U-19 GUEST ROSTER with league guest players listed. The supplemental roster must also be available for the referee's use. These players cannot dress nor play in the game unless players on the official regular league roster do not show up for the game. No more than 18 players can dress and play. Rostered official players have priority over league guest players.
9. If the US Youth Soccer player pass has an expired date, the card is to be retained and forwarded to the League Referee Coordinator. The player is not allowed to play in the game.
10. To participate in TCYSA, a player must be registered by Ohio South Youth Soccer Association, Inc. or the state association in which they reside, have a US Youth Soccer player pass and be listed on the official team roster. Any player or players that show up to the game without a player pass are to be allowed to play if they are listed on the official team roster. Each player on the roster who does not have their player pass is required to sign a sheet of paper and include his/her phone number, address, birth date and birth location in the presence of the referee. Any subsequent ineligible players discovered will result in an automatic forfeiture of the game as well as possible sanctions from the league.
11. Teams that play in two or more different leagues may have and use player passes validated by the other league. These player passes may be used if they are counter-stamped and approved by TCYSA.

**C. Protests**

1. Coaches wishing to file a protest are to notify the referee of this intention. The notification shall be made in a courteous manner, on the field, during, at or by the conclusion of the game. The referee is to notify the opposing coach.
2. The referee is to file a written report to the League Referee Coordinator outlining all the appropriate details concerning the protest. This information is to include the time of the game when the problem occurred and the score at that time and at the conclusion of the game.
3. Protests are accepted on misapplication of the Laws of Soccer and Tri-County rules. Judgement calls are not protestable.

**D. Game Enforcement**

1. Referees are to enforce the laws and regulations of the game as outlined by USSF and US Youth Soccer except for playing rules and regulations that are modified in writing by TCYSA.

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **Article I - Name**

The name of the organization shall be the Tri-County Youth Soccer Association. The Association shall be a non-profit educational organization incorporated under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of the State of Ohio.

### **Article II - Purpose**

- A) The purpose of the Association shall be to teach and develop skills in the playing of soccer among youth 19 years of age and under, to promote the growth of competitive amateur soccer, and to encourage good sportsmanship and fair playing among the participants therein. To offer and participate with team programs in International and National competition, as well as State, Regional and National Championships. To participate in individual Olympic development programs offered by the Ohio Youth Soccer Association, Inc. and the United States Youth Soccer Association, Inc. and the United States Soccer Federation for the development of players for State, Regional and National teams and the development camps that will lead to player selection for teams to represent the United States in the Olympic, Pan American games and other National and International Competition as required.
- B) To achieve the purposes, the Association shall:
- 1) Organize a league or leagues to provide and regulate competition between teams of its member clubs.
  - 2) Provide opportunities for instruction and training of players, coaches and referees.
  - 3) By its rules and regulations of play, promote the practice of good sportsmanship and fair play.
  - 4) Provide the opportunity for competition with teams from other states and countries, by participating in the organization and operation of US Youth Soccer sanctioned tournaments.
  - 5) Participate in such other educational activities as may be deemed appropriate and consistent with the goals of the Association.
  - 6) Participate in the Olympic Development Program.
  - 7) Participate in State, Regional and National Championships.
- C) No part of the revenue of the Association shall inure to the benefit of, nor be distributed to its members, officers or other private persons; except that the Association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II A and II B hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall be the carrying of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Association shall not participate in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. The Association shall not carry on any other activity not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c) (3) or a corporation to which contributions are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.
- D) In the event of the dissolution of this Association, the Trustees shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Association, dispose of all the assets of the Association exclusively for the purposes set forth in Article II A and II B hereof or to such organization or organizations as shall qualify as exempt under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Code).

### **Article III - Affiliation**

This Association shall be a member of the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association, Inc., a member of the United States Youth Soccer Association, Inc. and through it shall be affiliated with the United States Soccer Federation, and Federation International de Football Association (FIFA).

### **Article IV - Membership Qualifications**

- A) Clubs and area associations (hereafter referred to as clubs) sponsoring competitive youth soccer teams in the following area:
- The western boundary shall be the Ohio/Indiana state line.
  - The eastern boundary shall start at the Ohio River and run northward through Clermont County along Highway 132 until it reaches the intersection of the Morrow Road north of Pleasant Plain. From there it shall run northward along the Little Miami River or an extension thereof to the Warren-Montgomery County line.
  - The northern boundary shall be the northern boundary of Butler and Warren Counties.
  - The southern boundary shall be the Ohio River.
  - All member clubs playing fields shall be within the boundaries set forth above, except for Harrison, which may utilize fields located within 1 mile of the western boundary, and Centerville, which may utilize fields located within 5 miles of the northern boundary. No other clubs shall be permitted to have their playing fields located outside these boundaries.
- B) Eligible clubs wishing to join the Association shall make application to the Executive Committee and shall accompany said application with a one-time admission fee to be set by the Board of Directors.
- C) All member clubs (provisional or permanent) shall follow all rules set forth by the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors. All member clubs (provisional or permanent) shall follow all articles of this constitution and By-laws. Violation of any of the above can lead to punitive action by the Executive Committee and/or the Board of Directors against the offending club or clubs.
- D) The Executive Committee shall have the power to evaluate the qualifications of applicant clubs for membership. Applicants for membership must state that they will be able to enter during the spring and fall seasons, the required number of teams. The Executive Committee shall make recommendations of acceptance or rejection to the Board of Directors, which shall have the final vote. Clubs will be accepted on a provisional basis for a period of one year, after which the Board of Directors shall change the status to permanent, or terminate, or extend on a provisional basis for up to one additional year. Provisional clubs shall have all the rights and responsibilities of permanent clubs except the right of voting and representation on the Board of Directors.
- E) Acceptance as a member (provisional or permanent) is to be by the two-thirds affirmative vote of the Board of Directors present at a duly authorized meeting.
- F) Clubs must enter a combined number of 4 teams in Spring and Fall programs in order to remain a member of the Tri- County Youth Soccer Association. If a club enters less than four (4) teams in one calendar year, the club shall be on probation for the following year. If the minimum level is not reached in the following year the club will be dropped from membership. All clubs dropped from membership may apply for new membership. Any club that re-applies for membership must meet all requirements of the Constitution as of the date of application.
- G) The Tri-County Youth Soccer Association will accept one club from Northern Kentucky and one club from Centerville for full membership in TCYSA. The playing fields of these two clubs may be located outside of the boundaries established above. Membership of the Northern Kentucky club shall be conditional on approval, and the continued approval each year, of the US Youth Soccer State Commissioner for the Kentucky Youth Soccer Association.
- H) Conditions of Membership
- 1) Financial  
Member clubs shall assume full responsibility for all financial obligations incurred by teams entered into the Tri-County League by their club. This shall include fees for registration and referees as well as the costs of any damages by a member team.
  - 2) Activity Support  
Member clubs shall furnish appropriate support for league competition,

which shall include:

- a) Provision of adequate playing fields for half of the club's teams to be able to have home games each week. (Said fields to be of adequate size, equipped with markings, nets and flags, and in acceptable condition for play).
- b) Provision of enough trained referees and assistant referee to cover their home fields. (It shall be understood that at Association discretion, referees and assistant referee may be assigned to adjacent areas in order to provide "neutral officials").
- c) Encouragement of their coaches and members to participate in appropriate training, such as coaches and referee clinics.
- d) Encouragement of their members to become qualified referees and assistant referee.
- e) Provision of personnel to assist in scheduling and other league activities.
- f) Such assistance for other Association activities as may be appropriate or requested from member clubs by the Board of Directors.
- g) If sufficient numbers of volunteers are not available to provide the assistance needed to operate the Association, the Executive Committee may require a club to appoint an individual to handle the needed responsibility for the Association.

**Article V - Association Government**

**A) Board of Directors**

The base unit of the Association's government shall be the Board of Directors, which shall be the Trustees of the Tri-County Youth Soccer Association.

1) Board Membership

The Board of Directors shall consist of a Representative elected or appointed by each club. The number of votes from each club shall be determined by the number of teams from that club which participated in Tri-County leagues during the spring season immediately preceding the semi annual meetings of the Association. The number of representatives shall be allocated as follows:

<u>Number of Teams from Club</u>	<u>Number of Votes per Club</u>
1-3	1
4-10	2
11-17	3
18-24	4
25 or more	5

2) Certification of Membership on Board of Directors

Member club(s) shall notify the Association of the name of its Representative. Notification shall be sent by a letter to the Association Secretary, signed by the Club President or Secretary stating the individual listed has been elected/appointed as the club's Representative(s) on the Association's Board of Directors. Said notification must take place at least 24 hours before any scheduled Board meeting at which the Representative(s) plan to vote. Only a certified Representative(s) physically present at the Board meeting shall be authorized to vote the number of votes awarded to their club based on teams entered into the spring league. The certified Representative(s) shall function as the recognized club Representative(s) until such time as the Tri-County Youth Soccer Association Secretary shall be notified in writing by the Club President or Secretary of the change.

**B) Duties of the Board of Directors**

- 1) The Board of Directors shall elect nine members of the Executive Committee. Three members shall be elected each year at the semi-annual meeting held in June and shall serve for the period of three years.
- 2) The Board of Directors shall at the semi-annual June meetings of the Association elect the following officers:
  - a) Association President/ Chairman of the Board of Directors
  - b) Vice President/Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors

- c) Treasurer
  - d) Secretary
  - e) Five (5) Executive Committee Members at Large
- 3) The Board of Directors shall have the authority to accept or reject applications for membership into the Association.
  - 4) The Board of Directors shall have the authority to censure, fine or eject member clubs which have failed to meet their financial obligations to the Association or which have shown persistent or flagrant disregard for the Association's rules and regulations. Removal of a club requires a three-fourths affirmative vote of all the votes awarded to all Clubs. Penalties other than removal of a club requires a two-thirds affirmative vote of all votes awarded to the members of the Board of Directors.
  - 5) The Board of Directors shall establish policies for the operation of the Association.
  - 6) The Board of Directors shall establish Association By-laws.
  - 7) The Board of Directors shall have the authority to overrule actions of the Executive and all Standing and Special Committees. However, such action shall require a two-thirds majority and quorum of two-thirds of the certified Board of Directors votes. The Board shall also be empowered to remove any Association officer. Such action shall require a two-thirds majority and quorum of two-thirds of the certified Board of Directors votes.
  - 8) The Board of Directors shall direct the formation of a league (or leagues) to regulate competition between teams of its member clubs.
    - a) The Board shall establish:
      - The name of the league.
      - Such guidance for the operation of the league or restrictions of a general nature as may be considered necessary.
      - Any financial constraints within which the league must operate.
    - b) In the event that two or more leagues are created, the Board shall establish:
      - The distinguishing purpose of each league.
      - The basis for team selection in each league.
      - Guidance for the division of limited resources between the leagues.
  - 9) The Board of Directors shall authorize the Executive Committee to make provisions for instructing or training players, coaches and referees affiliated with member clubs. The Board shall provide the Executive Committee with directions concerning: priorities, frequency, restrictions, financial limitations, etc. to be observed when conducting or participating in such activities.
  - 10) The Board of Directors may authorize the Association to sponsor or participate in the sponsoring and operation of US Youth Soccer sanctioned tournaments. In doing so the Board shall provide the Executive Committee with instructions concerning the scope of the Association's commitments (including financial) for such tournament and guidance as may be applicable.
  - 11) The Board of Directors may authorize such other activities as may be consistent with the objectives of the Association and permitted by pertinent regulations of the State of Ohio and the United States Internal Revenue Law for organizations of this type.
  - 12) A meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Secretary, or by any two members of the Board who represent different clubs.
  - 13) All elected members of the Executive Committee are also members of the Board of Directors and are entitled to one vote. However, elected members of the Executive Committee may not represent their club and the Executive Committee at the Board of Directors meeting. If any Executive Committee member is also the representative of his/her club, he/she may vote the vote(s) for his/her club or his/her Executive member vote. Under no circumstance may an Executive Committee member vote for both organizations at the same meeting.

**C) Officers and Executive Committee**

1) Elected Officers

- a) The elected officers of the Association shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and five Executive Committee Members at Large.
- b) The President and Secretary shall be elected in the same year. The Vice-President shall be elected in a year separate from the President and Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be elected in a year separate from both the President and Vice- President.

2) Appointed Officers

The President, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a League Director, a League Coordinator, a Referee Coordinator and an Association Registrar for each season. Although these officers may also be elected officers or members of the Board, this shall not be a requirement.

3) Executive Committee Membership

The Executive Committee shall consist of the nine elected officers plus the appointed officers in Section V, B-2 above. All elected and appointed members of the Executive Committee are entitled to one vote at all Executive Committee meetings.

4) Duties of the Executive Committee

- a) The Executive Committee shall have the responsibility for the operation of the Association and for carrying out the directives of the Board of Directors.
- b) The Executive Committee shall evaluate the qualifications of clubs applying for membership in the Association and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.
- c) The Executive Committee shall investigate charges of improper conduct by member clubs or their failure to meet financial obligations to the Association. When appropriate, the Executive Committee shall refer these charges to the Board of Directors with recommendations.
- d) The Executive Committee shall form a league (or leagues) as directed by the Board of Directors to regulate play between teams of member clubs. The Executive Committee shall:
  - Establish the league playing rules for the Association league(s).
  - Establish all Rules and Regulations necessary for operation of the Association (except By- laws).
  - Before each season, establish the team entry fee and approve the proposed league budget.
  - Oversee and insure the proper operation of the Association leagues.
- e) The Executive Committee shall, acting within the guidance and restrictions provided by the Board of Directors, establish or participate in the establishment and operation of instructional clinics, camps, classes or "schools" to be conducted for training players, coaches and referees affiliated with member clubs. The Executive Committee shall take the appropriate steps to insure that such training meets its objectives. If requested, the Committee shall assist member clubs in conducting such training.
- f) When authorized, the Executive Committee shall take the necessary steps to sponsor or host a US Youth Soccer sanctioned tournament. The Executive Committee shall appoint, (or if hosting) insure the appointment of a Tournament Committee. The Executive Committee shall take steps to insure adequate support for the Tournament Committee. After the tournament, the Executive Committee shall cause a review of the conduct of the tournament to be made for the purpose of identifying areas for improvement.
- g) Within budgetary constraints, the Executive Committee shall take steps to create an Association library of books and films to assist the Association and its member clubs.

- h) The Executive Committee is responsible for insuring that all elected and/or appointed members of the Executive Committee carry out their functions as outlined by the Constitution, By-laws and all rules and regulations established by the Board of Directors and/or Executive Committee of the Tri-County Youth Soccer Association. The Executive Committee is required to act if any actions are taken by any member of the Executive Committee which is not consistent with the Constitution, By-laws or Rules and Regulations of the Association.
  - i) A meeting of the Executive Committee may be called by the President, Vice-President, Secretary, or any two members.
  - j) In the event that a member of the Executive Committee resigns, dies or is removed during his/her term of office, the Executive Committee may appoint a replacement to the Executive Committee.
  - k) If the opening of the Executive Committee is an Officer of the Association (other than the President), the Executive Committee will elect a new or current member of the Executive Committee to this position. The replacement will serve until the semi-annual meeting in June. At that time the Board of Directors must elect an individual to serve the remainder of the term.
  - l) In the event that the President of the Association resigns, dies or is removed from office during his/her term, the Vice-President is to become the President of the Association. He/She will serve until the next semi-annual June meeting, when the Board of Directors will elect a new President to fill the remainder of the term of office.
  - m) In the event that the President of the Association resigns, dies or is removed from office during his/her term of office and no one holds the position of Vice-President of the Association, the Executive Committee is to elect a member as President of the Association. The new President may be a current or new member of the Executive Committee. The new President will serve until the semi-annual meeting in June. At that time, the Board of Directors will elect a new President to serve the remainder of the term of office
- 5) Duties of the Officers
- a) President - The President, working with the Executive Committee, shall have primary responsibility for the administrative operation of the Association. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. The President, with the Committee's concurrence, shall appoint the members of all committees and such additional officers as the Association shall create. The President shall be an ex-official member of all Association committees with the right of attendance, discussion and vote. The President of the Association is empowered and required to correct any action by any member of the Executive Committee and/ or any special or standing committee that is not consistent with the Constitution, By-laws or rules and regulations of the Association.
  - b) Vice-President - The Vice-President shall assist in operating the Association. In the absence or incapacity of the President, the Vice-President shall exercise all powers of the President. The Vice- President shall serve as Chairperson of the Rules Committee.
  - c) Secretary - The Secretary shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining the Association's records. This shall include Association membership; certification of Board Representatives; correspondence; minutes of all meetings of the Association's Board of Directors and Executive Committee. The Secretary shall not be responsible for records pertaining to league play such as team registrations, team records, etc.
  - d) Treasurer - The Treasurer shall be responsible for taking care of the Association's finances. The Treasurer shall be responsible for receiving all payments to the Association, including team registration fees and for paying all properly presented bills, including authorized league expenses.

- The Treasurer shall maintain a record of such receipts and payments and shall render a detailed accounting of the Association's
- e) Executive Committee Members-at-Large - The Executive Committee Members-at-Large shall assist and oversee the operation of the Association. Each member shall be a member of at least one committee.
  - f) League Director - The League Director of each league shall be Chairperson of the League Committee. With the help of the committee, he/she shall:
    - 1) Work with the Referee Coordinator to insure that all scheduled games can be covered.
    - 2) Provide for rescheduling of cancelled games.
    - 3) Cause records to be maintained of game results and league standings.
    - 4) Work with the League Coordinator to insure proper establishment of leagues and scheduling.
    - 5) Provide for a newsletter to report league standings and game results.
    - 6) Operate the League constant with the Constitution, By-laws and rules and regulations of the Association.
    - 7) Appoint a Girls and a Boys Coordinator as required for proper operation of the League.
  - g) League Coordinator - The League Coordinator of the Association shall be a member of the League Committee. With the help of the Committee and the League Director, he/she shall:
    - 1) Establish, with the assistance of the Treasurer, the list of teams registered for league play.
    - 2) Establish appropriate divisions for competition.
    - 3) Prepare the schedule of games.
    - 4) Work with member clubs to assure optimum field utilization.
    - 5) Appoint Division Score Recorders/Reporters.
  - h) Referee Coordinator - The Referee Coordinator shall be Chairperson of the Referee Committee. With the help of the Committee, the Referee Coordinator shall:
    - 1) Have responsibility for all aspects of the Association referee program.
    - 2) Make provisions for recruitment, training and certification of league referees and assistant referee. This activity shall be carried out with assistance of, and in cooperation with, the Referee Trainer and Referee Coordinator of the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association, Inc. and with the help of member clubs.
    - 3) Confirm the appointment of the Area Referee Coordinators by the clubs to administer referee assignments for Association games played in their area.
    - 4) Facilitate the use of referees outside their home area to insure good coverage of Association games.
    - 5) Take whatever actions he/she deems necessary to improve the quality of refereeing in the Association.
    - 6) Appoint a Referee Administrator.
    - 7) Establish and operate a Referee Assessors program.
  - i) Duties of the Registrar - The Registrar shall have the responsibility for all matters relating to player registration in the Association and for the compliance with relevant US Youth Soccer regulations. With the Executive Committee approval, the Registrar shall establish the registration procedures and shall establish their execution. This responsibility shall include, but not be limited to:
    - 1) Procuring, issuing and validating US Youth Soccer player passes;
    - 2) Certification of team registrations;
    - 3) Collection of and being the repository for all registration documents, such as, league copies of team rosters, player registration cards and waiver-contract cards;

To assist in the performance of these tasks, the Registrar shall, with the approval of the Executive Committee and the OSYSA Registrar's concurrence, appoint Assistant Registrar(s) as necessary.

**E) Standing Committees**

The following committees shall be established:

- 1) Rules - The Rules Committee shall act as the expert on the Association's Constitution and By-laws and on Parliamentary Procedure.
- 2) League Committee - The League Committee shall operate the leagues as established by the By-laws and the rules and regulations of the Association.
- 3) Protest - A Protest Committee shall be appointed each playing season. the Committee shall consist of five members, no two of whom shall be members of the same club. The committee chairperson shall assign three members to hear each protest, none of whom shall be affiliated with the clubs involved in the protest.

**Article VI - Association Meetings**

The Association shall hold semi-annual meetings in June and December of each year at a time and place chosen by the Association President. The Association Secretary shall notify all member clubs of the time and place at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting. For the December meeting, the Club Registration form shall be forwarded to the clubs along with the notice of the meeting. The clubs will be notified that this form must be submitted before the semi- annual December meeting to maintain membership.

**Article VII - Amendments**

**A) Initiation**

Proposed amendments may be:

- 1) Initiated by the Board of Directors.
- 2) Initiated by three or more member clubs.
- 3) Initiated by the Executive Committee and submitted to the Board of Directors for their action.
- 4) Initiated by one member club and submitted to the Executive Committee for their action.

**B) Circulation**

All proposed amendments must be circulated by the Association Secretary to all member clubs for comment. Member clubs shall have 30 days in which to make comments. Comments shall be sent to the Association Secretary, who shall forward them to the initiating body. The initiating body shall act within 30 days to:

- 1) Submit the proposed amendment for adoption.
- 2) Revise the proposed amendment and then submit it for adoption.
- 3) Table the proposed amendment.

**C) Adoption**

All amendments submitted for adoption shall be sent by the Association Secretary to all member clubs 30 days before any meeting of the Association. Acceptance or rejection shall be by the roll call. Two-thirds (2/3) of the member clubs casting votes shall be required for adoption of all Constitutional amendments. Mail ballots cannot be conducted to amend the Constitution of this Association.

**Article VIII - Appeals**

- A) All teams, potential teams, member clubs, coaches, players or parents have the right of appeal from any decision reached by their club, potential club of their Association as outlined. No member club, coach, player or parent may invoke the aid of the courts of any State or of the United States without first exhausting the appropriate remedies as outlined by their club, the Association, the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association, Inc., the United States Youth Soccer Association, Inc. and the United States Soccer Federation. For violation of this rule, the offending party shall be subject to the sanctions of suspensions and fines and shall be liable for their Club, the Association, the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association, Inc., the

United States Youth Soccer Association, Inc. and the United States Soccer Federation for all expenses incurred by all organizations and its officers in defending the court action or expenses incurred to travel, meet or hold special meetings as required by any of the Associations. Attorneys are not permitted to represent any party in any appeal unless the appealing party is an attorney.

- B) Any disputed decision by a Club is subject to appeal to the Executive Committee of the Association.
- C) Any decisions of any member of the Executive Committee or of any Standing or Special Committee appointed by the Association can be appealed to the Association Executive Committee upon written request by any party to the decision. The appeal must be filed in writing within ten (10) days of notification of the decision by the Executive Member or special or standing Committee of the Association. The Executive Committee is required to hold a prompt hearing of the appeal.
- D) Any decision reached by the Executive Committee may be appealed by any party to the dispute to the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association, Inc. A written appeal must be submitted within 10 days of the decision of the Executive Committee. All appeals to Ohio South Youth Soccer Association, Inc. must be accompanied by an appeal bond in the amount established by them. Appeals must follow the rules and regulations of the State Association.
- E) Decisions reached on any rules or decisions of the Ohio Youth Soccer Association, Inc. may be appealed to the United States Youth Soccer Association, Inc. as outlined in their Administrative Rule Book set forth in section 2013.

#### **Article IX - Recruitment**

Clubs and/or teams are not to directly recruit players registered with other clubs/teams. Clubs are not to accept teams for entry into the Association that have directly recruited players from other teams or clubs. In the event of direct recruitment, the Association may fine and/or suspend teams and/or clubs from membership in the Association.

- A) Article IX does not prohibit players from contacting other teams or clubs about playing for that team or club. It prohibits coaches and club officials from directly and personally contacting players on other teams or in other clubs. Newspaper ads and/or general letters announcing tryouts for teams is not recruiting.
- B) All member clubs and members of all clubs are to follow all rules on recruiting of players even if the team for which they are recruiting does not plan to play in the Association. Clubs, teams and/or members of a club may be expelled from the Association for recruiting teams and/or players for teams that will play in another league or program.
- C) All member clubs, teams and their members are to support the rights of all other member clubs, teams and members.

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